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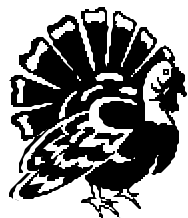
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was about steady. Moderate sales reported on packer label hens and toms for prompt and deferred shipments, also includes sales that are transferred in storage at 59 cent hens and 58 cent toms. Supplies were fully adequate. Demand remains sporadic in nature. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Demand slow.

EXPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading was light and centered on frozen tom drums and full-cut wings. Demand sluggish with most buyers inactive.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 20, 2003**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-62	55	55.00	640	-	-	-	160	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	63.00	1144	JUN	40	JUN
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	55	55.00	440	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58	-	-	-	62.00	565	JUN	40	JUN

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	4440	MAY-JUL
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	1880	MAY-JUL
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 MAY 2003.

The white meat undertone was steady to instances weak. The slow white meat market was starting to feel some additional pressure for prompt shipments due to the upcoming holiday weekend, however, some isolated activity was noted for post holiday needs. White meat offerings adequate to ample as some processors continued to look for alternative uses for their white meat. Frozen thigh meat offerings ranged from short of buyers's needs for Russia to sometimes ample for other destinations. Trading was light on all items. Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts traded at 91 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	87.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	144.00	50
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	84.00	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	19.39	66
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	14.00		14.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	18.00	96
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	25.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	80
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	112.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	118.00	40
THIGH MEAT		M	51.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	53.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	65.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT		W	63.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	103.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	117.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	52.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	12.00	258
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.50	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	10
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	45.46	1,044

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63-65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	99-129

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The undertone on tom bulk parts ranged from steady on drums to instances weak on 2-joint wings. The undertone on hen bulk parts was mostly steady. Domestic demand light. Export inquiry ranged slow to instances moderate. Offerings of tom bulk parts ranged from light to adequate on drums to instances ample on 2-joint wings. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts, balance spotty. Grade A non-basted 14-16 lb. and 18-20 lb. breasts traded at 92 cents delivered domestic. Export trading centered on light volumes of tom drums and full-cut wings, balance sluggish. Some hen drums traded at 17 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	87.00		87.00	880
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	142.00		142.00	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	84.00	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	18.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	14.00		14.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	18.00	96
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM		T	19.00	80
NECKS, HEN		T	17.00	9
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BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	118.00	40
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THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	53.00	40
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WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	52.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.50		18.50	240

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.50-22.00		20.30	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	12.00		12.00	364
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.50	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	45.46	1,044

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 05/21/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	8,853	379,425	379,725
2001-2002	-	380,874	381,174